

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 2, 1853.—Ordered to be printed.

MR. GEYER made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 605.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Brognard, with the accompanying documents, report :*

That the petitioner is the widow of Dr. John Brognard, late of the county of Burlington, State of New Jersey, deceased; that her husband was a sergeant in a company of grenadiers in the allied French corps under the Duc de Lauzan, on service in the United States during the revolutionary war. He was regularly discharged from service at Wilmington on the 1st of May, 1783.

By the certificate of discharge (the original of which is among the documents accompanying the petition) it appears that the said John Brognard served faithfully in the corps from the 13th of November, 1778, to the date of the discharge, and that he obtained his discharge by the payment of three hundred pounds into the treasury of the corps.

It is satisfactorily established that said John Brognard, soon after his discharge, became a resident of Burlington county, in the State of New Jersey, where he continued to reside until his death, which happened on the 17th of April, 1823. He was married to the petitioner, his second wife, on the 27th of February, 1791.

In February, 1847, the petitioner presented an application to the Commissioner of Pensions to be placed on the pension-roll, under the act of the 7th of July, 1838, and the application was denied solely on the ground that the said act did not embrace the corps in which her husband had served.

It appears, however, that on the 2d of March, 1831, Congress passed a special act granting a pension to Peter Cleer, of Baltimore, who belonged to the same corps; and your committee, considering that the husband of the petitioner, after long and faithful service in the war of the revolution, became, and remained until his death, a resident citizen of the United States, regard her case as within the equity of the provisions made for the widows of those who rendered service during the revolutionary war; and report a bill granting her a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month during her natural life, to commence on the 4th of March, 1852.

